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RICHMOND, VA.,

March 20, 1862.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 1.

To avoid the danger, if not the certainty of frequent collisions, and the consequent destruction of life and property, as well as obstruction to all transportation, it is absolutely necessary that the movements of rail road trains should be under one undivided control. These considerations make it imperative that all trains should be regulated in their movements and speed, only by their conductors and engineers, in accordance with the Regulations and Time Tables of the Company. All the operations of a road should be controlled by its Superintendent, or other authorized officer; and all orders for transportation of every kind, and the movement of every train, will be directed through him, when the exigencies of the service demand a variation from the regular schedule. Disregard of this rule will inevitably be attended with disastrous consequences.

By order of

GENERAL R. E. LEE.

W. H. TAYLOR,

Asst. Adjt. Gen'l.

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